Private sector in port upgradation

455. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have worked out some action plan to facilitate participation of private sector in the upgradation and modernization of major ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the ports that are proposed to be upgraded; and

(c) the details of such ports located in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The comprehensive guidelines issued by the Government for private sector participation in major ports lay down, *inter alia,* the areas identified for participation by the private sector in major ports, the regulatory framework, modalities of participation, the bidding process, selection criteria, other general terms and conditions as also model documents for bidding, license agreement, etc. to guide the major ports in carving out project specific documents for such participation. However, the process of identification and award of specific projects for upgradation and modernization of major ports is an on-going one, keeping in view the demands of maritime trade. As part of this process, the Government has so far approved 19 private sector projects and further identified 20 other projects for private sector participation in all the 12 major ports. Paradip Port is the only major port located in the State of Orissa. In this port, a private company is already managing and operating a captive berth and two more projects have been identified for private sector participation.

Development of major ports

456. SHRI VIJAYJ. DARDA:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an investment of over Rs. 50,000 crore has been approved for upgrading, expanding and revamping the 12 major sea ports;